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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. IZVESTIYA (JULY 22) CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN JIDDA WHICH OMITTS COMPLETELY ANY MENTION OF THAT CONFERENCE'S RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF THE CONFERENCE THAT WE HAVE SEEN, AND THE STORY'S BELATED APPEARANCE INDICATES THAT MOSCOW WAS GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI EXPULSION. AS WE SEE IT, THE
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SOVIETS WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO TAKE A POSITION ON

THIS QUESTION, AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO SEE THE PROBLEM GO AWAY CERTAINLY BEFORE EVENTS REACH THE "HEAD-COUNTING" STAGE. OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT JIDDA IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY, AND DELAYS, FOR A WHILE AT LEAST, THE NEED TO DECLARE A PUBLIC POSITION. END COMMENT.

2. PRAVDA (JULY 22) CARRIES WITHOUT COMMENT A SHORT ITEM REPORTING THE UNSC APPEAL TO SADAT TO EXTEND THE UNEF MANDATE.
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